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Search for administrators underway

By Madelyn Ragland and
Marshall A. Latimore
Campus News Editor and
Campus News Writer

As the application process for the three top administrative positions drew to a close five days ago, three committees will now

began evaluation of vice president applicants to fill positions by the end of the fiscal year, according to TSU President Melvin N. Johnson.

The last day for individuals to apply for the provost/executive vice president, vice president of student affairs, and vice president of university relations and development positions was on Wednesday, March 15.

However, the search committees will

have a lot on their hands. The committees are expected to make recommendations to Johnson by Friday, March 31. This is scheduled to occur in two weeks after sifting through 33 applicants for provost/executive vice president, 73 for the vice president of student affairs, and 30 for the vice president of university relations and development, according to numbers provided to The Meter

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HBCUs discuss issues in Vegas



PHOTO BY KENNETH CUMMINGS

TSU President Melvin N. Johnson, seen here at a pep rally, attended the Seventh Annual Thurgood Marshall Leadership Conference in Las Vegas on March 12-15.

By Kirsten D. Watkins
A&E Editor

Administrators from HBCUs across the nation convened on Las Vegas last week for the Seventh Annual Thurgood Marshall Leadership Conference to discuss common issues among the institutions and build relationships.

As the meeting of the minds tossed insight and ideas at each other during several lectures and seminars during the March 12 - 15 conference, a common assessment of these administrators was the necessity of the historically Black college and university today.

Just ask Ivory V. Nelson, president of Lincoln University (Pa.).

"These institutions are needed now more than ever before," said Nelson, who heads Thurgood Marshall's alma mater and the nation's first HBCU. "I've been in the business of education for (more than) 47 years and have graduated (more than) 14,000 students, and still most of them are first generation graduates in their families."

Thus, the conference attempted to take advantage of the administrators' educational experiences with dialogue of current positives and negatives among themselves.

Workshop and panel topics ranged from "Building your university's brand" to "Preparing for the successful annual audit" to "Disaster Preparedness: How do we rebuild

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Article ties TSU basketball to possible scandal

By Lavonte Young and
Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Interim Sports Editor and
Editor in Chief

The TSU basketball program has reportedly been linked to a possible recruiting and scheduling scandal with a California junior college, according to a Wednesday, March 15 article on CBS sportsline.com.

The online article stated that six Division-I basketball programs directly used D1 Scheduling - a third party scheduling firm and company founded by Los Angeles City College head basketball coach Mike Miller - for non-conference "guarantee" games. The same college that TSU's top scorers seniors Kareem Grant and Wayne Arnold, and junior Clarence Matthews attended before joining the Tigers.

Iowa State University, the reports focal point institution for the recruiting operation, Iona College, and Louisiana Tech, TSU, Howard and Norfolk State universities all have signed players from LACC and had scheduled games among each other through D1 Scheduling, according to the article.

Iowa State has played TSU twice over the last two seasons - first on Dec. 31, 2004, and again on Dec. 28, 2005. In 2004, Iowa State reportedly paid D1 Scheduling \$40,000

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Campus News

The Meter keeps winning

Photographer advances to finals

The Meter student newspaper won five Society of Professional Journalists Region 12 Mark of Excellence Awards, including a first place feature photography showing for sophomore Kenneth Cummings, who now advances to the national round of the competition.

Cummings won for his Sept. 8, 2005, photo "Cingular tour stops at TSU." The paper won two second place awards, one for editorial writing with the Sept. 26, 2005, piece "Short term thinking hurts students in the long-run," and one for in-depth report-

ing with its fall 2005 Hurricane Katrina coverage. And it won two third place awards, one for its Oct. 6, 2005, editorial "Students should take health seriously" and one for its in-depth spring and fall 2005 reporting on the TSU presidential search.

These awards combine with four that the paper and its staffers won at the Southeast Journalism Conference's Best of the South Awards and eight at the HBCU National Newspaper Conference, bringing to 17 the paper's number of awards this semester and 63 since January 1998.

"Congratulations again on a job well done," said Heather Porter, SPI programs coordinator.

The awards are to be presented during the Mark of Excellence Luncheon at the Region 12 Conference, March 31-April 1 in Memphis. The conference features a host of expert journalists and the keynote speaker for the awards luncheon is Chris Peck, editor of *The Commercial Appeal*.

"It's been a pleasure to be rewarded for just doing our jobs," said Meter editor Eddie R. Cole Jr. "We spend countless hours in the office working to serve our readers with the best and most current information. This is validation for all those long nights."•

Award-winning author to speak at TSU

Best-selling author, Tina McElroy Ansa, will lecture to faculty staff and students on TSU's campus in the Thomas E. Poag auditorium on Tuesday, March 21 at 1:00 pm.

Ansa's visit will be a part of a lecture. In addition to the writing and journalism that she is most noted for, Ansa, along with her husband, produced the 1989 Georgia Sea Island Festival.

Ansa has presented her work at the Smithsonian's African-American Center's Author's Series and the Richard Wright/Zora Neale Hurston Foundation. In addition, her work has been included in the PEN/Faulkner Reading Series and fundraisers at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

She is on the Advisory Council for the Georgia Center for the Book and on the host committee for the Flannery O'Connor Awards. Ansa was awarded by the New York Times for

her most predominately known novel, *Baby of the Family*, for notable book of the year in 1989.

For more information, contact the TSU Public Relations office at (615) 963-5331.

Shauntae White

Former TSU first lady passes

Antoinette McTurner Humphries, the wife of TSU fourth president Frederick S. Humphries, passed on Wednesday, March 15.

Also a TSU alumna, she played an active role in the Nashville community in numerous local organizations such as The Links Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and Girlfriends Inc., among others.

According to a press release, Humphries, "established a bookmobile for the Headstart program, recruited college students to read to inner city children, initiated an annual project for the Nashville chapter of the

Girlfriends to decorate trees and collect gifts for patients at Hubbard Hospital, volunteered for "Reading is Fundamental", served on the Board of Grace M. Eaton Childcare and Parent Resource Center, and initiated an annual program for the Nashville chapter of Jack & Jill of America to decorate the pediatric ward at Hubbard Hospital for Easter."

For information on funeral arrangements, contact the Spriggs & Watson Funeral Home at (412) 243-8080.

Eddie R. Cole Jr.

For flowers and/or other gifts, contributions make them to: Tennessee State University, Antoinette McTurner Humphries Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o Delorse Lewis 3500 John Merritt Boulevard Nashville, TN 37209

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Corrections

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Events Calendar

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•Bible Study 7:45 p.m. FPCC Rm. 217

Tuesday

•Tina McElroy Ansa Speaker 1 p.m. Humanities Aud.

•Bible Study 7p.m. Boswell Complex Room 249

Wednesday

•Windows into the World Lecture Series 12 noon FPCC 210

Thursday

•B.L.A.C.K. Inc.'s Women's Appreciation Dinner 7p.m. Women's Building

Campus News

New security plan aims to increase campus safety

**Madelyn Ragland and
Marshall A. Latimore**
Campus News Editor and
Campus News Writer

Due to recent car thefts on campus before spring break, the TSU Police Department has implemented a plan to increase safety by monitoring who is coming on campus, according to TSU Police Chief Carlton Bowen.

TSUPD began checking student identification (ID) cards and car permits at random posts throughout the main campus on Monday, March 13. These post areas include the NRC and Ford area, 33rd Avenue and Alameda Street, and 39th Avenue and Clare Street.

Bowen said there were more than four cars broken into before the break.

"Increasing safety will help strengthen the TSU community, so faculty, staff and students will be safer," Bowen said.

Safety and Security Counselor Venus Allen said that officers have noticed suspects entering campus in one car and parking next to the vehicle they intend to steal.

"Because they are able to blend in with students no one suspects what they are doing (popping the door lock) is suspicious because people think it's their vehicle," Allen said.

TSU had a total of 41 vehicle-related incidents, according to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's 2004 Crime on Campus report.

However, some students find the new measures a bit too extensive.

Julian Arrington, a senior business



PHOTO BY MEGAN HUDSON.

TSUPD turns away a motorist that did not have a parking decal on her vehicle on Wednesday, March 15.

"Increasing safety will help strengthen the TSU community, so faculty, staff and students will be safer."

-TSU Police Chief Carlton Bowen

administration major from Birmingham, Ala., said that he almost did not make it to class on time.

"It's a major inconvenience that slows down the flow of traffic," Arrington said. "Doing this can possibly keep students from getting to class on

time."

But assistant Police Chief Sylvia Russell said that the TSU campus is like a small city and it should be treated as one. Therefore, the extra security measures are necessary.

"Students can do their banking, visit eateries, go to the theatre, attend the wellness center and even visit acquaintances in this community," Russell said.

In order to provide the safety that the university needs, faculty, staff and students must inform TSUPD so changes can be addressed, according to Bowen.

Allen agrees that the safety and security department will adhere to the constant changes necessary to meet the challenges our campus faces. In addition, she said the department will "roll with the punches" when people complain.

"(Our) officers are the best officers

anywhere," Russell said, referring to the safety and security performance of officers on campus in the last couple of years.

TSU President Melvin N. Johnson seated a commission on campus safety, which began its work on Nov. 15, 2005.

"We are serious about taking the necessary steps to ensure that our campus will be a welcoming environment for students and visitors and off-limits to trespassers," Johnson said about the committee in the news release.

"We are confident that this commission will make recommendations that will result in a pro-active and comprehensive safety plan that will benefit our campus community," he added. "It is likely that this plan will also provide a blueprint for our neighboring institutions as well."

Also, Bowen plans to fill six more positions within this month. Furthermore, he said the TSU community should be more involved in addressing the problem by informing the department and not leaving items in a car in plain eyesight.

Kathleen McDermott, a junior animal science major from Cedartown, Ga., said that safety being more of a priority for campus officials makes her feel a lot more secure.

"I think it cuts down on criminal activity," McDermott said. "It makes me feel safer to know that (campus security) is looking out for me."•



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The entrance behind Hale Hall at Clore Avenue and Albion Street was open to motorist before TSUPD came later at 8:26 a.m on March 15.

Fisk vs TSU

What's beef?

SGA representatives from
TSU and Fisk

meet to address the
alleged rivalry

between the neighboring schools.

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What We Think

Change awaits, we all must embrace and give input

"The only thing constant in life is change"

-François de la Rochefoucauld

Spring is viewed by many to be the season of renewal as frost and chilly temperatures give way to spring showers and warmer days. And for TSU, the spring semester of 2006 will truly be one of change.

With change, however, there are the inevitable growing pains and with a number of administrative shifts underway, the university will undoubtedly undergo a period of transition that will not be a simple undertaking. The creation of the new provost/executive vice president position and the eventual opening of the vice president for university relations and development and student affairs posts put the university on a cusp of changes it has not seen in several years.

However, there are ways that students and administrators can aid in alleviating apprehension during this time of change. Last Thursday, President Melvin N. Johnson e-mailed a university-wide message to students, faculty, and staff detailing the schedule for the new positions being filled and times that the candidates will be on campus. Although the official job offers will be made by June 1 when most students will not be on campus, it's obvious that President Johnson has taken the first step in attempting to make the process open to students and other members of the TSU community.

So, now it's our part.

Several members of the TSU community cried foul when Chancellor Charles Manning of the Tennessee Board of Regents chose President Johnson during spring break of 2005. Yet, many of those same students who complained made no effort to meet Johnson, or any of the other candidates for that matter, during their scheduled visits to the campus early during the spring of 2005.

Now, that students know when candidates will visit the campus, it is now time to take a proactive approach in helping to shape the future administration. *The Meter* will continue its mission of serving TSU by providing readers with the most comprehensive coverage on the candidates so we all can form an educated impression of them. But to have student representation during the hiring of administrators is an opportunity that we are rarely afforded. Thus, we need to ensure that our opinion is heard and voiced by members of the selection committees, particularly the student representatives. In this case, it is two members of the Student Government Association — junior Ayodeji Olojo, on the provost committee, and sophomore Mia McCain, on the student affairs committee.

The provost position will certainly get a large amount of attention due to the fact that is a completely new position to TSU and whoever is awarded it will be directly second in command to President Johnson. Since the provost will serve as

the chief academic administrator on the campus, we expect the position to be filled by someone who not only is an accomplished educator, but also has an eye on modernizing the curriculum of the university for the future. This means that while having an eye for expanding research at the university they must also look at ways of enhancing the educational experience for non-science liberal arts majors.

The new vice president of student affairs will also have to demonstrate the ability to deal with all students fairly and help implement policies that benefit the entire student body and not a select few. Due to the creation of the provost office, this vice president will not have the same responsibilities that the position has carried in the past. While the position is still vital, with the change in responsibilities, we expect this person to be more accessible to students and able to address issues in a timely fashion and serve as the link between addressing student concerns and the president and the provost.

While some may misinterpret the position of vice president of research and

development as simply a fund raiser, that is only one aspect of the job. The position also bears the task of continuing and developing alumni relations and recruiting students and general public relations. Therefore, this office is often responsible for the first and last impression many form of the university. We expect this position to be filled by someone who is able to provide a positive and accurate portrayal of the university at all times. This individual must also be able to reach out to both alumni and the community at large and show the continued growth of TSU.

Since change is inevitable and a fact of life we must embrace it and at the same time participate to direct it. Everyone who will be affected by these changes needs to exercise the options presented to them at this time to ensure that the growing pains the university is facing take place as smoothly as possible. Not to do so could have repercussions that will not only affect us now, but also the university for years to come.*

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- *The Meter* editorial board

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Forum

TSU athletics underhandedly serves athletes



Melaney Whiting
A & E Writer

The Tennessee State University's department of athletics, headed by Director of Athletics Theresa Phillips, has its priorities mixed up.

See, I am no longer on the tennis team because I was kicked off for being "defiant against my coach's rules and authority."

But many of you may already have a preconceived notion as to why I was kicked off. Did I get caught for drug use? No. How about I allowed my cumulative grade point average to fall below a 2.5? No again. Or did I get caught with a weapon, get in a fight, assault a faculty member, or get arrested? Wrong again my friends. I ultimately was dismissed from the tennis team and had my athletic scholarship removed completely due to the fact that I attended the 8th annual HBCU National Newspaper Conference on Feb. 8 through Feb. 11 – a trip completely funded, supported, and excused by TSU.

This wasn't a random road trip halfway across America for an early spring break, but instead this conference had numerous workshops and sessions on student journalists' rights, journalism techniques, and, additionally, had a job fair featuring representatives of commercial newspapers from across the country ready to provide internships and jobs to eager students in attendance. *The Meter* even won a second place national award for best news series for Hurricane Katrina coverage which I spearheaded and first place best weekly newspaper.

With that being said, I informed my head tennis coach Gerald Robinson of both the importance of this conference and the need for me to attend, but he instructed me not to attend instead. Afterwards, I appealed the removal of me from the team and my scholarship, but was denied by Phillips.

Now why would a coach with two

college degrees and well into his career instruct me not to attempt to do the same for myself? I guess because missing three days of practice more than a month before the start of the season was more important than enriching my academic experience and education.

If that's the reason, this is completely contradictory to what a student-athlete's educational experience is supposed to be. As a mass communications major with a concentration in journalism, this conference was a serious opportunity for me to not only network with other student journalists, but to network with professional journalists and their newspapers.

We all know how TSU prides itself on how many student athletes graduate.

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It's great. Just over the holiday break, I read a USA Today article which listed TSU's basketball's 82 percent graduation rate, for example, as a high among some other notable basketball institutions and the best of HBCUs. But has anyone ever questioned how balanced their education is?

Employers are looking for graduates who have practical skills within their particular field of study. It would be foolish of me to think that I could get a job based on how many aces I can serve in a match or my current standing as an enrolled junior at TSU. The fact of the matter is that I need practical experience in writing, editing, and proofreading to make myself marketable within my field. But apparently the values that I place on my educational experience aren't shared by the entire athletic department.

Ironically, the student-athlete's handbook policy seems to support my attending the conference. On page three it states that "athletic programs should not interfere with academic and educational opportunities." It continues to state that "The University will encourage and support special programs to assist student-athletes in their academic endeavors." Apparently the athletic department and the university either don't practice what they preach, are insensitive to the needs of student athletes, or simply don't follow the rules within their own handbook.

After being an athlete for three years, it seems as if simply keeping athletes eligible and graduating them on time is the narrow focus. It seems that an athlete on a non-revenue team is more prone to have their scholarship reduced or not renewed than an athlete from a revenue producing team. And this horrendous cycle continues as the next incoming class of freshmen athletes sign to attend TSU.

I honestly feel that TSU should have people in these administrative positions who want to see their students meet their total potential as athletes, but more importantly as students. Instead we have both coaches and administrators who seem content with just keeping their student-athletes eligible.

Why can't I be heard? How does an action like this go unchecked? At TSU the relationship between an athlete and their administrator is similar to that of a relationship between white collar execu-

tives and the blue collar work force without a mediator. Only the word of the coach is accepted.

With that said, I hope that in the future the University will abide by its own policy. Let's become logical thinkers for the next student-athlete who has to make the decision that I made to put academics first before anything else. Student comes first in the word "student-athlete" and thus "students matter most" and we should receive preparation for what our future holds. •

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Campus News

SGA aims to curb campus apathy, brand university

By Marshall A. Latimore
Campus News Writer

To aid in squashing student apathy, the Student Government Association announced plans to implement a Spirit Day to be observed on every Monday in its once weekly column, the SGA corner. The initial announcement was made in the Monday, Feb. 13 issue of The Meter.

On Spirit Day, students, faculty, staff, and administrators are encouraged to wear their TSU paraphernalia in order to revive campus life and brand the university into an environment full of the school spirit "mystique."

"This (addition) is much needed," said Josef Robinson, president of SGA. "Whenever you walk the campuses of other universities, you see their campuses flocked with school apparel. It should be the same way here."

As a starting promotion for the university spirit day, Robinson also said that today, March 20, at noon the SGA would be giving away free TSU T-shirts in the courtyard.

"Because a lot of people on campus don't have TSU apparel," Robinson said. "We're [having this giveaway] to fill that need and also create a snowball effect."

Many students are in support of the new initiative by the SGA.

Larry Bryant, a junior business administration major from Pasadena, Calif., shares the sentiment. He said that he does not mind sporting his TSU gear.

"I feel as though wearing TSU paraphernalia will definitely help boost campus morale," Bryant said. "We have freshmen here who don't know much about the university, but by wearing their TSU stuff, they will develop school pride in the university they chose to attend."

Senior biology major Siedah Ford also agrees that the new initiative could be effective. The Albany, Ga., native said that she loves being here and is glad to show her school pride.

"I'm usually wearing my TSU T-shirts on Mondays anyway," Ford said. "Coming off of the weekend, I am not thinking about dressing to impress. I'm all about being focused on more important things like my education."

And Ford added with a smile,

"Besides, there's nothing wrong with dressing comfortable."

However, some students find the new measures a bit extreme.

Previn Overall, a mass communications major from Nashville, advocates the importance of school spirit, but disagrees with having a mandated spirit day.

"[T]here's nothing wrong with having school spirit and showing it," Overall said. "Wearing [paraphernalia] every Monday is going just a little over the top. I don't even have that much TSU paraphernalia."

Also, to accommodate what some students may call expensive bookstore paraphernalia, the SGA enlisted the help of campus bookstore manager Steve Treece to aid in its goal of boosting student morale and the amount of on-campus apparel available to college budgets.

Treece said the bookstore will be offering a one-day Spirit Day special on Monday, March 20. The special will allow for a 25 percent discount on all royal blue and white apparel.

"This (initiative) was a great opportunity for us to partner with the students and the campus community," Treece

said. "Being here for almost 10 years, I've noticed that this is a chance for current students to become connected to the traditional school colors. Many alums of the university hold our colors near and dear to their hearts and are very passionate about them."

About the issue of high prices, Treece says that people should really take the time to shop.

"The belief that (the bookstore) is high is a misconception," Treece said. "There are T-shirts starting at \$11.95 and sweatshirts starting at \$19.99. I would argue with anyone who thinks otherwise."

Markeice Harris, a human performance and sport science major from Montgomery, Ala., said that the initiative is good for improving the entire atmosphere on campus.

"As a former athlete, I think it's a great idea," said Harris, a former Lady Tiger basketball player. "The fact that our students as a whole are trying to come together to do something positive for the student body pleases me." •

Quiz team outwits competition, headed to nationals

By Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Editor in Chief

The TSU Honda/Quiz Bowl team has brought home another win in a Pre-NCT Invitational quiz bowl tournament at Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis on Saturday, March 4.

And now up next for the team, is the national championship tournament in Orlando, Fla. on Thursday, March 30 to Monday, April 3.

The Tiger squad took first place and posted an 8-1 record during the competition in St. Louis, according to news release e-mailed to The Meter.

"TSU has played since the start of the program in 1989-1990," said John Miglietta, team coach and associate professor in the department of history, geography and political, in an e-mail to The Meter. "This makes the 17th season. The team compares very well to the teams of the past. We finished in the top eight last year and we hope to improve on that this year."

The other historically Black col-



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOHN MIGLIETTA

The TSU Honda/Quiz Bowl team is now preparing for the national finals.

leges and universities included Alabama A&M, Mississippi Valley State, Harris-Stowe and Kentucky State, according to the news release.

The Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, HCASC, is a national event sponsored by the Honda Corporation and is a Quizbowl competition in which 64 HBCUs compete for a \$50,000 grand prize and the national championship, according to hcasc.com. It was the first academic competition among HBCUs.

And the win at Harris-Stowe came on the heels of a Saturday, Feb. 11 win at

Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss.

"Right now we're on a pretty good win streak," said Marque Carey, a Quiz Bowl team member and senior criminal justice major from Atlanta. "This is probably the best combination of people on the team comprised of people from several different fields of studies. ... This year we have a better team than in past years and we are usually one of the elite teams in Florida (at the national championships.)" •

Who are they?

David Macias (team captain), junior, political science, Lakeland, Fla.

Marque Carey, senior, criminal justice, Atlanta.

Larry Cook Jr., junior, electrical engineering, Fairfield, Ala.

Charles Nicholson III, senior, political science, Nashville

Esther Udoji, senior, chemistry, Brentwood, Tenn.

Other members who participated in the JSU and Harris-Stowe:

Ismaila Badjie, junior, bio-chemistry, The Gambia

Carl Darnell, senior, computer science, Huntsville, Ala.

Milton Rice, senior, political science, Indianapolis

Campus News

HBCUs hit jackpot in Las Vegas

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and move forward?"

Touching on more than last fall's Hurricane Katrina effect on Dillard, Xavier and, the often forgotten, Southern University at New Orleans, administrators discussed other disasters HBCUs face.

"From floods to student deaths, hurricanes to declining enrollment, a threat to one is a threat to us all," said Albany State University (Ga.) President Emeritus Portia Shields, who had to rebuild ASU after the Flint River flooded two-thirds of the campus in 1994.

But despite today's challenges, George C. Wright, president of Prairie View A&M State University, said the work exhibited at HBCUs is compared to sowing a great harvest.

It is "preparing the ground and sowing seeds that will flourish for the benefit of our children's educational futures," he said.

And Corporate America is noticing the HBCU effort as well.

In attendance was Benjamin Wells, division director of research and development of sponsor Siemens One-USA. The company donated \$1 million, which will be distributed over a five-year period, to the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund and the United Negro College Fund to promote African-American scholars.

"Siemens One's goal has been to provide a competitive edge for our students in areas of mathematics and science, thus sparking an interest for future engineers, as well as math and science teachers, which will foster these skills in their students," said Wells.

To date Siemens One has helped facilitate 58 scholarships to public and private HBCUs, according to Wells.

And for Wachovia's senior vice president of corporate and community affairs and TSU alumna Georgette "Gigi" Dixon, HBCUs are national treasures that produce qualified and prepared graduates — citing that she is quite partial to education at historically Black colleges. She said her duties include making funding recommendations.

"When our students graduate, they are not only enriched with the academic experience, but with social and political experiences as well," said Dixon, who is

was the first female SGA president in TSU history. "At an HBCU, students receive an excellent education and have excellent experiences that help them reach their full potential in life."

Tigers a leader for HBCUs, bring home awards

TSU faculty members Robert Bradley, professor of English, and Bill Sneed, director of communication and information technologies, were panel guests during the workshops "Using podcasts in university sessions" and "New emerging security provisions," respectively.

Bradley, who has spearheaded TSU's podcasting endeavours, said in an e-mail to The Meter that no other HBCU at Thurgood Marshall was using the new technology. However, he said the TSU Project Tigercast garnered lots of interests from the other HBCUs.

Also, recognized was Sherre Bishop, TSU director of public relations, with a certificate for her hard work on behalf of the university.

With this year's theme of, "Growing Stronger. Passing It On," was evident throughout each workshop and seminar, which was designed to brainstorm on each university's future endeavors and to recognize the great strides each institution has reached thus far.

With more than 600 attendees at this year's conference, the turnout was the larger than in prior years and TMSF vice president of development Renau Daniels expressed pleasure with the turnout.

"This has been such a labor of love for me and the entire staff of TMSF," Daniels said. "I am not a graduate of an HBCU, but I am proud of the work that our member schools facilitate to our young minority men and women."

TSU, other HBCU student leaders gain exposure

As TSU junior Ayodeji Olojo approached the podium to introduce a three-person panel on disaster preparedness during the Seventh Annual Thurgood Marshall Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, he realized

how pivotal the importance of promoting the quality of an HBCU education.

It was the experience of a lifetime.

"I had an opportunity to attend the TMSF Conference in New York last semester and it had a tremendous impact on my life," said Olojo, a business management major from Detroit. "It's all about exposure and this is excellent exposure for TSU. Having made connections and the ability to showcase my institution is an experience that I highly recommend to every student."

Olojo, a Student Government Association junior class representative, joined TSU President Melvin N. Johnson and a few other university administrators, faculty members, and students at the annual member-schools professional conference held on March 12-15 in Las Vegas.

"I feel honored to represent my institution here," said Candace L. Witt, a junior business administration major from Nashville and also a member of the Student Union Board of Governors. "Events such as this show evidence that TSU and other HBCUs produce leaders and that these leaders will, in turn, fight for the next generation's education success."

One student particular seminar, "Image is Everything: The Importance of Conveying a Positive Image," allowed the young audience to return to their respective institutions to pass the torch to their peers.

"This is my first professional conference and I have learned a lot," said Mychael Guyton, a junior humanities major from Bluefield State College in Bluefield, W.Va. "This is a reminder to stay on top of your game. Your image is a brand. Who you are determines your image and, in turn, what you can promote. Also, these past couple of days has allowed great networking opportunities with major corporations."

Olojo said, "The TMSF has been a wonderful avenue that aided in fostering my leadership abilities, as well as representing my peers."

Facebook user: clean Facebook profiles, prevent suspensions

By Eddie R. Cole Jr.
Editor in Chief

A mass message on facebook.com has begun circulating among TSU students urging them to adjust their profiles, after word of recent suspensions from the university over content on the site.

Facebook.com, an Internet "directory which connects college students worldwide through social networks," is allegedly being used by administrators to suspend students violating campus rules.

The message, which Meter senior visuals editor DeShanee Miner received March 19, at 12:50 p.m., sent by a TSU student warned users of possible ramifications of improper pictures.

"There are administrators on here now and they are suspending people for having (pictures) of themselves on campus anywhere with liquor. ANYWHERE," the message said. "They are already suspending people with naked or nearly naked (pictures) on their pages. Please change your (pictures) so that you WON'T be put out of school. Please copy this and send to (whomever) you know has stuff like that on their page. They are starting with the athletes and making their way to the students."

A source close to the TSU basketball program informed The Meter that some members of the TSU men's basketball team recently "got in trouble" for incriminating photos on Facebook. The student, who requested not to be named, said photos were given to head men's coach Cy Alexander by an athletic administrator.

The TSU student handbook states on page 26 that the university prohibits controlled substances on campus as based on the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989.

However, at Middle Tennessee State University, the rules vary.

"On Saturdays, which are 'game days,' we have a wet campus," said Brian Dunlap, a digital animation major from Miami, at MTSU. "You can carry beer around if you are 21 (years old). It's school policy that no one can search through your refrigerator, but if it's (laying) out you're suspended."

Read next week for more on alleged Facebook suspensions.*

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Campus News

Hadley Park upgrades, provides new services

By Madelyn Ragland
Campus News Editor

The opening ceremony for the recently remodeled Hadley Park Community Center was a big step for Nashville residents who gathered to celebrate the upgrade of the historical African-American park.

More than 300 people attended the outside event on Saturday, March 11, at 10 a.m. And the sparkling building located off of 28th Avenue North, adjacent to TSU, is now set to offer a mixture of programs and services to the Nashville community.

"I have been in this park all my life," said Howard Gentry, Jr, vice mayor of Nashville and TSU alumnus. "I know what Hadley Park means, not just to this community, but in Nashville."

The new facility will provide an after-school and summer program for ages 6 to 14, which includes competitive sports, organized games, cultural arts, environmental awareness, and fitness activities.

"I think it's wonderful to see the positive change in the community, because I have been a part of this park for 60 years," said Lilly Lester, 65, from East Nashville, who remembers going to the park at the age of 5.

Nashville mayor Bill Purcell said almost \$92 million was allocated to renovate city parks. He said the parks are

just as important as city streets and it also shows the city's commitment to the citizens.

"This is one of the most important days Nashville has had," Purcell said. "I looked forward to this, than any other (day)."

Purcell's Master Plan for Parks and Greenways is expected to upgrade all parks in Nashville. With the funds allocated to Hadley Park, East Nashville is expected to have a greater opportunity to meet the neighborhoods needs. His plan allocated \$5 million to the new Hadley Park Community Center. Also, included in the plan, Purcell recommended the construction of five larger community centers over the next 10 years, including Coleman, Sevier, and in the Richland Park area, according to the nashville.gov Web site.

The facility was designed with gymnasium space, community meeting rooms, computer rooms, music, crafts, performing and fine arts, a new state-of-the-art fitness center and aerobics room, according to the Web site.

"My fondest memories of Hadley Park are when I first married, some 32 years ago, and money was tight," said Brenda Gilmore, a Metro councilwoman who graduated from TSU. "My husband and I would spend Sundays at Hadley Park."

"Some of the best musicians and singers would come to Hadley Park for these concerts, and there would be hun-



PHOTO BY MADELYN RAGLAND

Nashville mayor, Bill Purcell, and vice mayor, Howard Gentry, Jr. talk during a ceremony at Hadley Park.

dreds of people in the audience," Gilmore said. "Hadley Park was the place to be on Sundays."

Before the ceremony began, the crowd joined in singing and clapping their hands to the entertainment of the Victory Church Praise Team.

Many Nashville constituents came out to show their support, such as Purcell, Gentry, State Senator Thelma Harper, Gilmore and one of Tennessee's Supreme Court judge. Yet, Adolpho A. Birch Jr, chairman of the Metro Board of Parks and Recreation, and several TSU faculty and staff members also partook in the ceremony.

Many of them have either grown up attending the center or have used the facility for their families.

"Hadley Park Community Center was (my children's) vacation place," said Dianne Eaton, coordinator of the TSU international office, referring to the center being a second home for her children.

And the history of the park goes back farther than that.

At the request of George Gates, president of Fisk University in the early 1900s, and other leaders of the North Nashville community, the Park Board purchased the park in May 1912

for \$20,000, according to the nashville.gov Web site. The building was dedicated on July 4, 1912.

The purchasing records identified the park as the Hending property, but it contained the Hadley family home whose plantation became the site of TSU around the time the park was purchased. The board in 1912 approved the use of the park as the site of a public library, and converted the Hadley house into a community center, according to the Web site.

Mayor Hilary Ewing Howse in 1912 described Hadley Park as the first public park for Black citizens in any city in the world.

"Hadley Park Community Center is located near all (three) of the Black historic colleges in North Nashville," Eaton said. "I will be using the Center as much as I can, especially on Saturdays. I am all excited about the renovation of the Hadley Park Community Center."

And Joy Dennis, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Nashville, agrees with Eaton.

She said, while reminiscing of swimming at the park during her summers, "Hadley Park being rededicated is a wonderful opportunity for children in the surrounding area, because they deserve a decent park to play in."

HADLEY PARK OPERATING HOURS

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6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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The Victory Church Praise Team entertained the crowd at the opening ceremony of Hadley Park Community Center on March 11.

Missed it Friday?
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Campus News

Credentials top priority

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by Fonda Terry Fields, human resources employment specialist.

Dennis Gendron, vice president of technology and chair of the provost/executive vice president search committee, said that each of the committee members could access the applications online via PeopleAdmin, a software program available on the Human Resources Web site at 3 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 17.

Gendron also said that the first agenda of all committees will be to come up with a weighted list based on the credentials listed under each respective job description.

"By law, we have to review each applicant based on the credentials listed in the job description," Gendron said. "But the committees will decide the way our recommendations to (President Johnson) will be made."

In a letter to students, faculty and staff on Thursday, March 16, Johnson set an abbreviated timeline for the searches with copies of the applications to be made available in the Brown-Daniels Library, Avon Williams campus library, and the Faculty Senate office.

Copies of the applications for the TSU community will not be ready until today, according to Yildiz Binkley, director of the library.

Amiri Al-Hadid, president of the Faculty Senate and member of the provost/executive vice president search committee, said that he is looking for the new provost to be "favorable of complete transparency and possess a passionate commitment to share governance."

"Tennessee is a state that has a sunshine law, meaning nothing should be held from the public," Al-Hadid said. "Also, we wouldn't want a dictator or tyrant. As an ex-officio of the Faculty Senate, we expect for him to be a colleague of collegiality."

Al-Hadid also said that the new provost should be demanding, with standards to uphold, but also compassionate and understanding to facets of the university. Leading by example, is of high priority as well, according to Al-Hadid.

"If the university is going to be a research-extensive institution, the new provost should be a scholar and a

researcher himself," Al-Hadid said. "You can't lead where you haven't been; they'd have to lead by example."

After setting a weight system for reviewing the applications, Gendron said next on the committees' list of responsibilities is to evaluate the credentials of each applicant's profile and ultimately recommend three to five candidates from which Johnson would select.

"I'd like to see someone take a bigger concern in student affairs," said Hugh Foster, a senior civil engineering and history major from Myrtle, Miss., in reference to the provost recommendations. "Someone who is going to stand by 'students matter most,'...that is what I'd like to see in the future." •

ABBREVIATED TIMELINE FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

March 15, 2006

Deadline to receive applications through on-line system.

March 17, 2006

Search committees begin review of applications; copies of applications will be available in the library, the Faculty Senate Office, and the Office of Extended Education on the Avon-Williams Campus.

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Search committees meet to recommend finalists to the President.

March 31, 2006

President reviews and selects finalists for campus interviews from each pool.

April 17-27, 2006

Campus interviews occur:

Provost/Executive Vice President –

April 17-20, 2006

VP University

Relations/Development –

April 21, 24-25

VP Student Affairs – April 26-29

May 2, 2006

Committee makes recommendation to President.

May 15, 2006

President selects candidates and makes recommendations to TBR for approval.

June 1, 2006

Official job offers made to candidates and contracts executed.

July 1, 2006

New positions filled.

TSU aims to straighten campus wireless problems

By Cara Anthony
Campus News Writer

Although wireless Internet access on campus provides the convenience of no cords, many TSU students have complained of the disadvantages of dead spots and viruses they often encounter.

Wireless Internet was introduced to the main campus library in 2002 as a project using laptops funded by Communication and Information Technologies department, according to Meter archives.

"Usage of TSU's electronic references increased when wireless was introduced," said Fletcher Moon, associate professor and TSU head reference librarian. "Online databases, electronic books, and e-journals now are available anywhere on campus."

Wireless Internet is available in most buildings on the main campus and the Avon Williams campus, according to Joseph Hurst, manager of CIT.

In recent months, Dominique Gould, a sophomore economic and finance major from Detroit said that at times the Internet connection is none existent.

"It's slow and sometimes just doesn't work at all," said Patrice Brown, a sophomore political science major from Memphis, who resides in Hale Hall. "I would rather have wireless (versus Ethernet) if it worked."

However, students should keep in mind that the TSU network serves more than 9,000 students and more than 900 faculty and staff members, which is an Ethernet backbone with 100 megabits to the desktop, according to tstate.edu.

"Although we have been listed in (the) U.S. News and World Report as one of the 'most wired' universities we are currently expanding our wireless capabilities to cover the whole campus," Hurst said. "There will always be 'wired' connections, but wireless will definitely always play an important part in TSU's information and technology future."

There are a few ways that students can improve their wireless Internet connection, according to Hurst. Changing your location and being aware of physical obstructions that may be around you

such as steel beams or concrete walls is one way. Checking the megabits per second or an upgrade may also be necessary to improve speed.

"The ability of a card to pick up a signal depends on the (wireless Internet card) brand," Hurst said, referring to the laptop computer card being used. "Cisco brand wireless network cards are well-known for their ability."

Wireless users should have an 802.11b compatible WiFi Ethernet card, according to tstate.edu. The wireless card should also be configured for the TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) Protocol using DHCP (automatic) addressing and the Wireless network connection should be "TSU wireless," according to tstate.edu.

"I enjoy wireless service," said Amanda Harris, a freshman speech pathology major from Memphis. "I don't have to worry about getting an Ethernet cord...the wireless signal is good in Wilson Hall."

TSU currently re-evaluating the wireless coverage in the dorms to provide optimum coverage, said Hurst. This is expected to provide access to all, no matter what laptop computer card a TSU faculty, staff or students uses.

"In dorms, students may choose Ethernet connection for a laptop depending on the location of the jack," said Hurst. "Ethernet is always going to provide a safer and speedier connection in most cases." •

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Memphis rap group Three Six Mafia wins Oscar for best original song.

Memphians celebrate Oscar win

Cara Anthony and
Marshall A. Latimore
Campus News Writers

When Memphis-based rap group Three Six Mafia claimed the Academy Award for best original song in a motion picture, they became hometown heroes for some TSU students.

The rap group etched their way into history as they became the first hip-hop group to ever perform live in the awards' show 78th year history and also the second time a hip-hop artist ever captured the award.

Freshman mass communications major and Memphis native, Mario Price, said the award announcement came as a shock.

"I was so proud of them because like me they are from Memphis and represented us well," Price said. "I feel that African-Americans have not been properly recognized at the Academy Awards."

The song *It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp* written by Three Six, was performed by leading actor Terrance Howard in the movie *Hustle and Flow*, but during

the show the group performed the song with supporting actress Taraji P. Henson, who sang the hook in the movie.

Sheterica Weaver, a freshman biology major, believes that this is only the beginning of Three Six's success.

"Memphis has talent too," Weaver said. "Everyone just hasn't noticed it yet."

Group members Juicy J, DJ Paul, and Crunchy Black performed the song just before actress Queen Latifah presented them with their award.

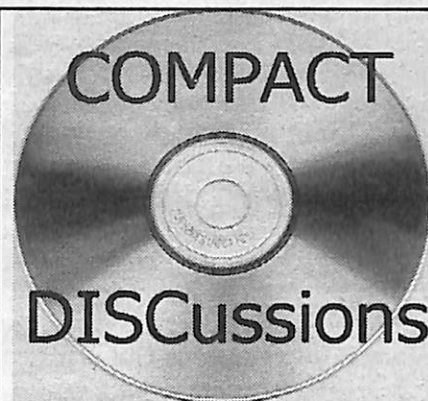
"I think it's incredible," Phalen Henry, a sophomore marketing major from Memphis, said. "It is about time somebody from (Memphis) got a prestigious honor. With an honor of this magnitude, Three Six is now in a category with other Memphis legends."

With reports alleging that Howard was talked out of performing with the group, the group decided to celebrate instead of paying attention to the rumors.

"As far as people saying all these things, I'm just going to pray for them," Juicy J said in an interview with bet.com. "We were blessed with this Oscar and I'm so happy right now, a person would have to shoot me to make me upset right now."

Despite the critics, sophomore Jasmine Rhodes says that she will continue to support Three Six.

"I have listened to (Three Six) for years," the early childhood major said. "It's about time Memphis was put on the map. They were the first black group to win an Oscar, so it really meant a lot to Memphis natives."



Compact DISCUSSION Ratings
5/5: Instant classic
4/5: Ground-Breaking
3/5: OK Album, worth a listen
2/5: Buy the bootlegged copy
1/5: Don't waste the money

Ne-Yo *In My Own Words* - 4/5

Def Jam Music Group takes a chance on R&B rookie and songwriting boy-wonder Ne-Yo as he releases his debut album, *In My Own Words* and the results prove to be worth the risk.

The album, which proves to be an eclectic and soulful mix of harmonies and clever wordplay, gives a shining example of what can come from a fresh talent ready to prove itself among tired and trite contemporaries.

From beginning to end, the album makes use of solid production and strong lyrical content that is sure to

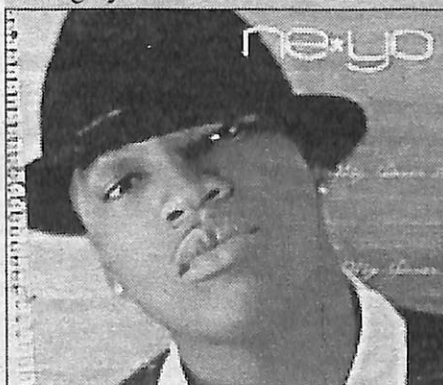


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Ne-Yo's *In My Own Words* is in stores now.

appeal to the ear of listeners eager to go beyond pimp-posturing and borderline perversely sexual moaning. The music is all-at-once endearing and flirty without taking the content past good taste. This, however, makes the album safe by no means.

On the seductive track, *Mirror*, Ne-Yo gives attention to his inner-freak by describing the pleasure he gets from watching his lover enjoy him while making love in front of the mirror. He also shows his lyrical deftness on the sly and moral questioning *It Just Ain't Right*, where he flirts with a past lover in front of her unassuming man on top of a DeBarge sample.

Full of production by mostly no-name and in-house beatsmiths, the sound of the album is cohesive while not falling into the category of being over produced. The emphasis is placed on the vocals and the artist's songwriting. Clearly this is where it should be because Ne-Yo's voice is as controlled as it is smooth and these factors help make the album an intelligent and soothing music experience.

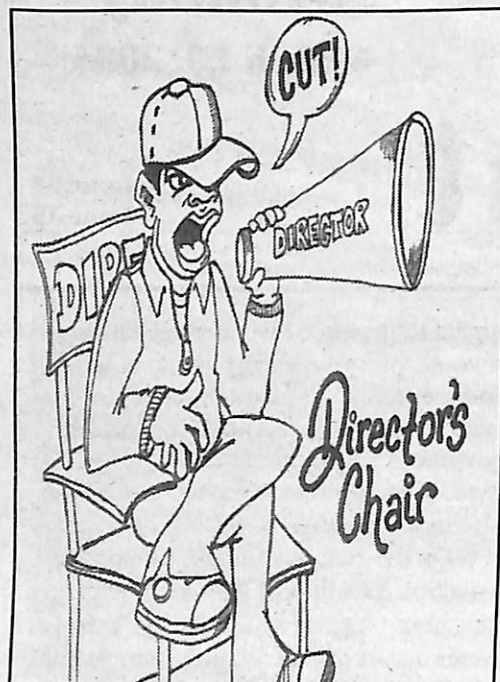
On the album's first track and lead single, *Stay*, Ne-Yo's nimble tenor soars over bubbly production as he pleads for time with the woman he loves. The melodies continue with the sentimental follow up *So Sick* in which he creatively croons about a love he has lost.

The album's only real weakness is the fact that this album only proves that Ne-Yo can write good music and make interesting records. It says little of his adult appeal and overall showmanship. Unlike his fellow young, up-and-coming-to-proven contemporaries like Musiq, Joe, Avant and Usher, Ne-Yo has yet to prove that he can pull off the much needed role of balladeer. There are only two songs on the 13 song album that even come close to a slow jam.

BottomLine: The album is a cut above the average R&B release and well worth the purchase... even if there is not a whole lot to take into the bedroom.

Gregory Brand Jr.

Arts & Entertainment



16 blocks - B

In a world when good and evil should be as easy to determine as black and white, for aging cop Jack Mosley, (Bruce Willis) life is full of grey.

Warner Brothers presents a richly detail picture of good and bad cops in it's feature length film, 16 Blocks. Director Richard Donner shows the audience the shadier side of those who are suppose to serve and protect. Donner is better known for his producing credit in films such as the Lethal Weapon franchise, X-Men, Any Given Sunday.

Mosley is a boozed-up-soon-to-be-retired cop who looks like he is on his last leg while he is limping on his other bad one. He is given the task of escorting an extremely annoying and talkative witness 16 blocks from the jailhouse to the courthouse. With a little more than two hours to achieve this seemingly easy task, it is interrupted by run-ins with cops that don't want the witness to testi-

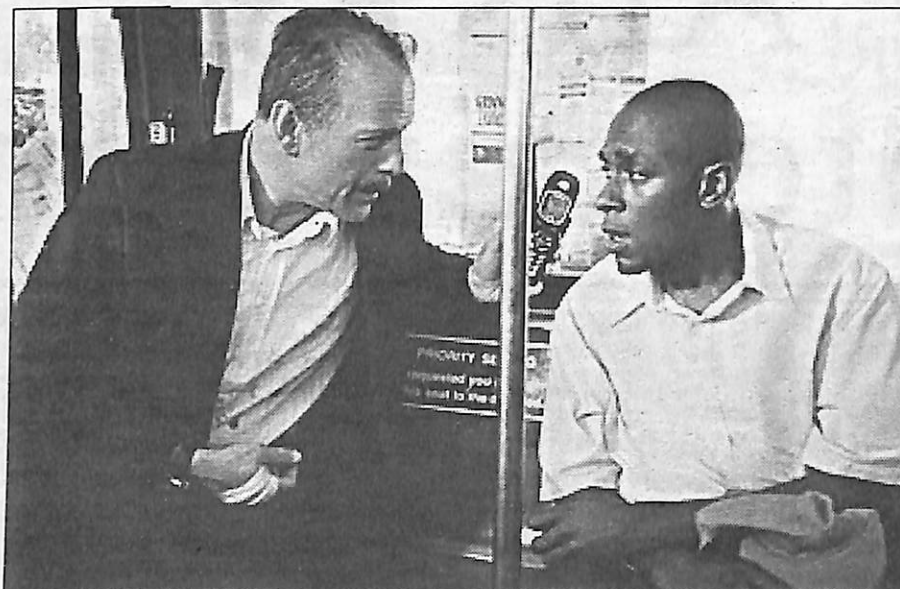


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Bruce Willis and Mos Def star in the new film 16 blocks.

fy.

Hip-hop star Mos Def plays the extremely annoying, but loveable detainee, Eddie Bunker. He's a down on his luck ex-convict attempting to get through an important trial and make another "very important appointment" before noon.

While movies involving either good cops or their bad counterparts focus on showing too much in either's favor, this film finds a rare balance. The good people do their jobs and prove the need for loyal and honest law-enforcement while the bad people are average human individuals that give in to the need for power and become corrupt.

This film gives an Alice in Wonderland effect too. Most are accustomed to the good cop and the occasional crooked cop; this movie gives you the opposite. For every bad officer throwing a wrench in works, there is a virtuous cop getting everything back on track. It gives the audience an unusual point of view.

Another bonus was the amazing shots set up by cinematographer Glen

MacPherson. One of the film's early shots crescendos with a gun shot that creates a premature sense of doom for a main character while another foreshadows the trail of peril the film will soon follow.

The film's pacing is also well put together for the hour and forty-five minute feature. The movie itself is set inside of two-hour day and the similarity between the situation and the film's run-time helps create a real time balance. The action is fast paced without seeming forced.

Strong performances by Mos Def, Willis and David Morse (as head of the crooked cops) make watching the film a emotionally gripping and action packed experience.

The movie also takes time to shed light on race, class, and age issues. This is a movie made for the action lover that appreciate an interesting and detailed story.

DeShanee Miner•

Lyricist Lounge

Lost Love

From the moment that we met,
Back, on tiny swings,
I knew I'd be reminded,
Of all the little things.

Even with the others,
I've been with in the past,
Always deeply in my soul,
My feelings for you last.

I feel like I'm a ghost,
Seen only as a friend,
I feel like when I talk to you,
My feelings are pretend.

Pretend enough to make me smile,
When you find someone new,
But deep inside my fragile heart,
It tears me straight in two.

When it is too late,
And time has taken toll,
I hope you see I'm empty,
Without part of your soul.

You'll know that I was there,
And never could you see,
That all you ever looked for,
...You could have found in me.

- E. Coleman

Scholarship is available for TSU students

The awards range from \$500 to \$2,500 per school year.

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The Teddy Wilburn Scholarship is available to TSU students who had at least a B grade average overall during the last two years of high school and have, for majority of their career, attended high school within the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee.

The Emmett H. Turner Scholarship is available to students who are enrolling or are currently enrolled in TSU's Criminal Justice Program.

Tiger All-American has eyes on the NFL

By Phil Baker
Contributing Writer

With the National Football League draft day right around the corner on April 29-30, TSU All-American safety/linebacker Jamar Landrom is working day and night trying to prepare for it, perfecting every niche that makes him appealing to the pro scouts.

But despite the achievements and accolades, Landrom, who stands at 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 215 pounds, remains humble and focused, gaining inspiration and motivation through his 1-year old son, Kamari.

Besides his All-American honors to the SBN Sports Black College All-American team, Landrom led the Tigers in total tackles and was the Ohio Valley

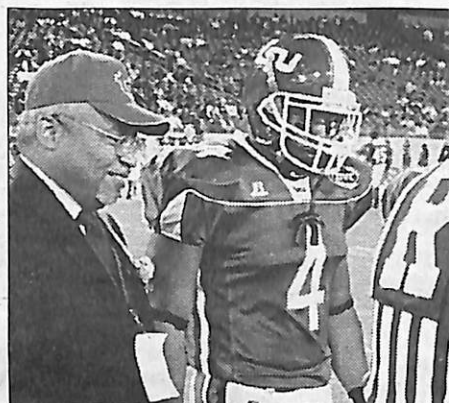


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Jamar Landrom joined by TSU president Melvin N. Johnson to call a coin toss during Homecoming 2005.

Conference Player of the Week for his six tackles, two sacks, and forced fumble in a 20-14 TSU win against Jackson State in Memphis.

"Why can't I make it to the NFL?" Landrom asked. "If I believe it, I can and will achieve it, and no one is going to take that away from me as long as God gives me the ability to continue to play."

And it's obvious that his son is his inspiration and drives to continue to press on and never give up on his dream of playing professional football.

"When I look into his eyes, he motivates me to push myself to the limit in whatever I do," Landrom said. "He depends on me."

This dream is very apparent when one sits down with Landrom.

During a rocky and turbulent season, Landrom served as light to a dark and dismal year for the Tigers. With a 2-9 record for the 2005 season, the TSU football team finished second to last in the Ohio Valley Conference to finish

only better than Murray State University, who was winless in conference play.

In a Nov. 2 article published in the *Tennessean*, head coach James Webster commented highly of Landrom.

"It doesn't matter what the score is or what our record is; our guys come to play," Webster said. "Jamar is the epitome of that."

And Webster's opinion of Landrom is the same today as it was then.

Landrom and fellow senior, linebacker Wesley Holmes, were the backbone of a solid defense that was highly ranked throughout most of the season. As a result, the two-year Tiger who transferred to TSU from the University of Toledo after his sophomore season earned All-American and All-OVC numbers.

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes guides on weekends

By Reno Thompson
Contributing Writer

A certain group of TSU athletes come together for a weekly meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:30.

This group, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, come together for worship services held in the Gentry Center on the first floor in room 155, where these athletes take time out to give God some praise.

But FCA President Carlos Jones said the group is now moving forward and expanding the group's efforts.

"We are beginning to have activities on the weekends," Jones said. "Knowing that this is the time when a lot of students go out and forget what we have taught them. We feel we have to make an impact on these three days to really make a change."

As well, once a year the organization

goes on a retreat to spend time in total worship, and is offered free of charge to all members compared to \$55. This year they attended camp in Clarksville.

As charter members of the recently reinvigorated Tennessee State Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jones and TSU football wide receivers coach Randy Fuller have seen the organization touch lives since its inception on Aug. 9, 2000.

"On the 11th of February we spent time on the camp grounds in Clarksville," Jones said. "It was another great experience and it started off with a lot of fun but on the last night the Holy Spirit came through and really changed lives."

Jones and Fuller have been active members in fulfilling this purpose through FCA and in coherence with other campus outreach programs.

"When I was in college we didn't have FCA at least not to my knowledge,"

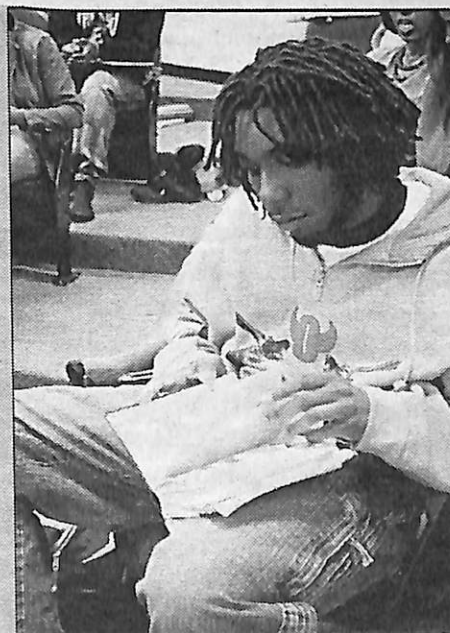


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TSU football player Jonathon Edwards looks for a Bible passage.

Fuller said. "I for the most part tried to keep the habits that my mother brought me up on."

Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high

and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

"FCA has allowed the students to be more accountable for their actions," Fuller said. "Which is tough in this day and age, but can be handled through the time spent in FCA."

And Whitney Chapman agrees.

"It has been spiritually uplifting to me," said Chapman, a junior mass communications major from Davenport, Iowa, and member of the volleyball team. "I was worried about finding a church home when I came to Tennessee State, but FCA has helped me realize as long as the worship is true God accepts it."

"FCA has allowed the students to be more accountable for their actions."

-Randy Fuller

Sports

TSU accepts smaller payout

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for the home game against TSU, but TSU pocketed \$10,000 – a 75 percent shortage of the payout. However, this past season, TSU brought home \$40,000 of the \$45,000 paid by Iowa State to D1 Scheduling.

"We're associated because we're on the other side of the contact, but if I called Tennessee State (for a game) right now, it would cost me \$50,000 or \$60,000," Jamie Pollard, Iowa State athletics director, told cbs.sportsline.com in the article. "What you're indicating here is (some ISU opponents) were taking far less money than I'd thought ... for another reason that's not a good situation. They're taking nearly \$50,000 below market. That's a scary thought isn't it? What it sounds like they're getting is an influx of players."

However, head TSU basketball Cy Alexander denied the article's accusations in the March 16 issue of the *Nashville Tennessean* and said that the program only had interactions with current D1 Scheduling president Bruce Herman and not Miller.

Alexander declined an interview request by *The Meter* on Friday, March 17, citing that he could not comment further until a series of weekend meetings with TSU Athletics Director Teresa Phillips were complete. However, he did graciously say he would answer *The Meter's* questions on Monday, March 20.

Cbs.sportsline.com also reported that D1 Scheduling, which began opera-

tion on Aug. 19, 2004, has made a \$150,000 profit since its inception.

"I think (any involved) coach would be putting his job in jeopardy," said Jim Haney, president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, according to cbs.sportsline.com.

"I can't imagine an athletics director would want a third party doing the scheduling," he said.

The Des Moines Register (Iowa) reported that Iowa State discontinued the use of D1 Scheduling last Wednesday night after the article was published. Also, two days after the report was published, Iowa State announced the dismissal of head basketball coach Wayne Morgan on Friday, but Pollard told the *Kansas City Star* that Morgan's firing had nothing to do with the D1 Scheduling article, but "the negative national publicity contributed to the timing of the decision."

Phillips told *The Tennessean* that the CBS Sportsline report brought some previous unforeseen connections to her forefront.

"In consideration of this article, we're somewhat concerned about the connection between L.A. City College, D1 Scheduling and one other institution that we've played twice," said Phillips in the March 17 issue of the *Tennessean*. "You put all those three things together and (Miller) being involved, and it makes for a puzzle that I hadn't been able to see until the article put it all together."*



Tiger Top 5



For the weeks of Feb. 27 - March 10

1. Wayne Arnold – Guard

Senior – Mass Communication

Atlanta

Arnold scored 20 points against Samford in the OVC Tournament on March 1.

2. Riley Ervin-Guard

Sophomore – Undecided

Memphis

Ervin scored 20 points against Samford in the OVC Tournament on March 1.

3. Katrell Armwood – Outside hitter/libero

Senior- Architectural engineering

Durham, N.C

Armwood was featured in the HCA-OVC Student – Athlete Spotlight on March 8.

4. Candace Hildebrand –pitcher

Junior

Moreno Valley, Calif.

Hildebrand pitched a three-hit shutout against the Maine Black Bears and had two hits and two RBI in the Rebel Springs Games in Osceola, Fla. on March 9.

5. Leena Worrell- pitcher/infielder

Senior- Human performance and sports science

Butte, Mont.

Worrell hit a two-run home run in the third inning, which proved to be the game winner against Creighton in the Rebel Spring Games on March 10.

Landrom aims to take college football success to next level

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Landrom's 91 tackles ranked him fifth in the OVC in total tackles and his 12.5 tackles-for-loss ranked him third in the OVC. He also was tied for seventh in the OVC for sacks with four and he forced five fumbles and had one interception on the season.

If drafted, Landrom will be the 29th player taken from TSU since 1982 and the first since 2000, according to documentation provided by Landrom's agent. He hopes NFL scouts recognize what he calls his intelligence, maturity, and passion for the game.

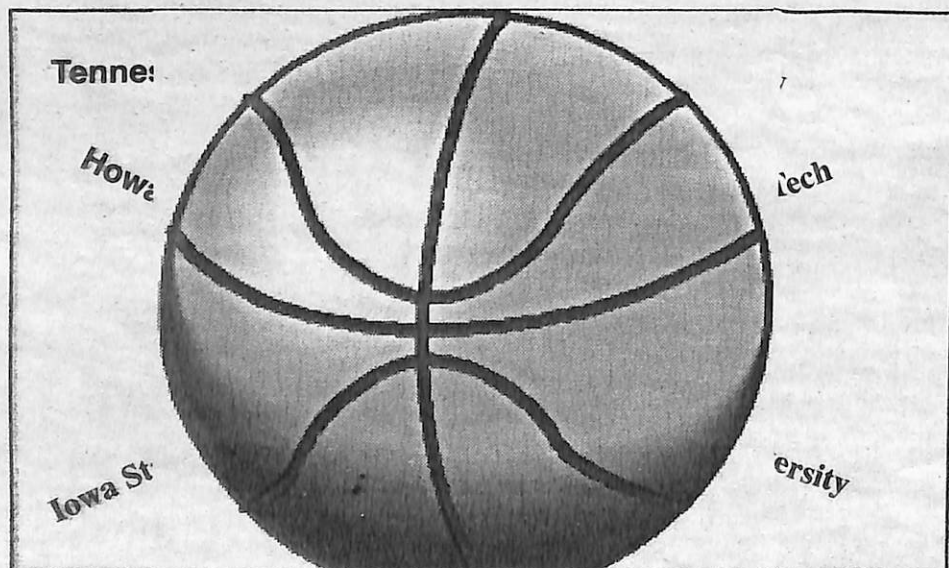
Some of these draftees included Larry Kinnebrew (1983), Richard Dent

(1983), Anthony Pleasant (1990), current TSU cornerback coach Randy Fuller (1994), and Avion Black (2000).

For some, to even be considered to play in the NFL is a great achievement, but Landrom insists he will not be satisfied until he lives his dream of playing in the NFL.

Also, this past Friday, March 17, professional scouts attended the annual in the Gentry Center in which Landrom took participated.

"Playing in the NFL is my dream," he said. "It's my destiny."*



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TSU is among six schools mentioned with connections to D1 Scheduling and Los Angeles City College coach Mike Miller.

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